

THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for printing postage comprising:
a general purpose processor based system having a postage printing application program operable thereon;
a general purpose printer coupled to said general purpose processor based system;
[[and]]
a sheet having a plurality of transfer sections thereon, wherein said postage printing application controls said general purpose processor based system and said general purpose printer to substantially simultaneously print a plurality of postage meter stamps on said sheet;
and
a postage storage device coupled to said general purpose processor based system having postage value credit stored therein, wherein said general purpose processor based system retrieves an amount of postage from said postage storage device for printing as a postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps, wherein said postage storage device comprises an expansion card coupled to a host processor based system.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein a first postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps is printed on a first transfer section of said plurality of transfer sections and a second postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps is printed on a second transfer section of said plurality of transfer sections.
3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein at least one of said postage meter stamps includes a date by which an item bearing said postage meter stamp must be posted.
4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein at least one of said postage meter stamps includes a location from which an item bearing said postage meter stamp is to be posted.
5. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein at least one of said postage meter stamps includes a sender's ZIP code.
6. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein at least one of said postage meter stamps includes a recipient's ZIP code.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for printing postage comprising:
a general purpose processor based system having a postage printing application
program operable thereon;
a general purpose printer coupled to said general purpose processor based system; and
a sheet having a plurality of transfer sections thereon, wherein said postage printing
application controls said general purpose processor based system and said general purpose
printer to substantially simultaneously print a plurality of postage meter stamps on said sheet,
wherein a first postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps is printed on a
first transfer section of said plurality of transfer sections and a second postage meter stamp of
said plurality of postage meter stamps is printed on a second transfer section of said plurality
of transfer sections ~~The system of claim 2,~~ wherein at least one of said postage meter stamps
includes an expiration date of a postage storage device.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~[[8]]~~ 1, wherein at least one of said
postage meter stamps includes a unique identification of said postage storage device.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein said unique identification of said
postage storage device is a serial number.

11. (Currently Amended) A system for printing postage comprising:
a general purpose processor based system having a postage printing application
program operable thereon;
a general purpose printer coupled to said general purpose processor based system;
a sheet having a plurality of transfer sections thereon, wherein said postage printing
application controls said general purpose processor based system and said general purpose
printer to substantially simultaneously print a plurality of postage meter stamps on said sheet;
and
a postage storage device coupled to said general purpose processor based system
having postage value credit stored therein, wherein said general purpose processor based
system retrieves an amount of postage from said postage storage device for printing as a
postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps ~~The system of claim 8,~~ wherein
said postage storage device comprises a touch memory utility button.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[12]] 1, wherein said expansion card is a PCMCIA card.

14. (Currently Amended) A system for printing postage comprising:
a general purpose processor based system having a postage printing application
program operable thereon;
a general purpose printer coupled to said general purpose processor based system;
a sheet having a plurality of transfer sections thereon, wherein said postage printing
application controls said general purpose processor based system and said general purpose
printer to substantially simultaneously print a plurality of postage meter stamps on said sheet;
and
a postage storage device coupled to said general purpose processor based system
having postage value credit stored therein, wherein said general purpose processor based
system retrieves an amount of postage from said postage storage device for printing as a
postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps ~~The system of claim 8, wherein~~
said postage storage device comprises a disk coupled to a host processor based system.

15. (Currently Amended) A system for printing postage comprising:
a general purpose processor based system having a postage printing application
program operable thereon;
a general purpose printer coupled to said general purpose processor based system;
a sheet having a plurality of transfer sections thereon, wherein said postage printing
application controls said general purpose processor based system and said general purpose
printer to substantially simultaneously print a plurality of postage meter stamps on said sheet;
a postage storage device coupled to said general purpose processor based system
having postage value credit stored therein, wherein said general purpose processor based
system retrieves an amount of postage from said postage storage device for printing as a
postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps ~~The system of claim 8, wherein~~
said postage storage device comprises a smart card.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for printing postage comprising:
a general purpose processor based system having a postage printing application
program operable thereon;
a general purpose printer coupled to said general purpose processor based system;
a sheet having a plurality of transfer sections thereon, wherein said postage printing
application controls said general purpose processor based system and said general purpose
printer to substantially simultaneously print a plurality of postage meter stamps on said sheet;
a postage storage device coupled to said general purpose processor based system
having postage value credit stored therein, wherein said general purpose processor based
system retrieves an amount of postage from said postage storage device for printing as a
postage meter stamp of said plurality of postage meter stamps ~~The system of claim 8,~~ wherein
said postage storage device comprises a plurality of devices each storing an amount of
postage value credit.

17. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein each postage meter stamp of said
plurality of postage meter stamps includes a graphical security interface.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein said graphical security interface is
a two dimensional bar code.

19. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein at least one postage meter stamp of
said plurality of postage meter stamps is printed independent of the creation of a mail piece to
be posted using said at least one postage meter stamp.

Claims 20-36 (Canceled)